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HIs Majesties Commissioners for the County of *Lincolne*, lying in the Garrison at *Newarke*, raised some Forces both Horse and Foot, and making Incursions into their own Country, and finding the Inhabitants well inclined to the King and His Government, resolved to March thither; and by Vertue of His Majesties Commission of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, appointed a Sessions to be held at *Grantham* upon the said eleventh Day of *Aprill*; They Marched out of *Newarke* upon the fourth Day of *Aprill* aforesaid, with nine Troops of Horse, and about 160 Foot, through the parts of *Kesteven*, to *Stamford*, and back again to *Grantham*, on Munday the tenth of *Aprill*. The Country cheerefully

appeared, and brought in such Arms as the Rebels had left uuplundered: At *Grantham* the Commissioners held the Sessions according to appointment; but at eleven of the Clock in the forenoone, in the midst of that service, Advertisement was given of the Enemies approach. Whereupon Colonell *Cavendish*, who commanded in chief all the Kings Forces, drew them out into a body neer the Town, and found the Enemy (consisting of about 800 Horse, and 200 Dragoners) placed within halfe a Mile of the Town, but on the contrary side of the River. The Rebels Forces were commanded by young *Hotham*, Sir *John Hotham's* Sonne, who is now Generall over the Rebels in *Lincolnshire*. The Colonell first drew up his Forces in sight of the Rebels, and for about an Houre they faced each other (the River being between;) But the Rebels not advancing, the Colonell having appointed one Troope to guard an other end of the Towne (in case the Rebels should have had some other strength to have joyned with them from other parts) and leaving two other Troops to face the Enemy, that they might not perceive his March with his other Troops, Marcht with the rest of his

his Horſe and Foot over a Bridge halfe a Mile from thence, and with a ſpeedy March, came cloſe up to the Enemy, who had placed themſelves in a Lane, and among Hedges, which they lyned with Dragoneers: The Colonell then made a little ſtand, untill his Foot drew neere the Enemy: Upon a little Skirmiſh, they retreated a little further. The Colonell purſued, whereupon the Enemy again made a ſtand, and faced the Kings Forces; the Colonell advancing with his Foot, they retreated about four Miles, their Foot being horſed, and the Kings wanting Horſes; the Collonell ſtill endeavouring what he could, to draw up his Foot with his Horſe, the Enemyes ſtrength of Horſe and Dragoneers being greater then the Kings Horſe. But the Colonell finding the Enemie not willing to fight, and the Kings Foot not able to March, left the Foot, and reſolved to charge the Enemie with the Horſe alone, and upon the Heath near *Ancaſter* Town being five Miles from *Grantham*, commanded his Horſe to charge the Enemy, who there had made a Hault, and put themſelves in Battalia, having divided their Horſe into three Diviſions, and diſmounted the Dragoneers: The

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Colonell having likewise divided His Horse, at once, charged the Enemy both Horse and Dragoneers, the Dragoneers all gave fire, and and slew three and hurt some few of the Kings Forces, but were instantly routed; whereupon they threw down their Arms and prayed Quarter, which was granted. Young *Hotham* their Generall, and all their Horse, betook themselves to flight. The Kings Forces pursued them two Miles upon *Ancaster* Heath, and then the Colonell drew most of them into a Body again, and afterwads pursued them eight Miles further, slew and took Prisoners divers of them in the chase, and totally routed the whole Body. The Prisoners of the Rebells taken are two Captaines, five or six Lieutenants and Ensignes, five Cornets of Horse, and one of Dragoneers, the rest were beholden to their swift Horses for their escape. Of common Souldiers, two hundred and eighty Prisoners were taken. There was in the Field amongst the Rebells, the Lord *Willoughbie* of *Parham*, who often was heard to demand Quarter, and once to *Griffith* his Lieutenant, with this new Generall *Hotham*, who came into *Lincolnshire* but the

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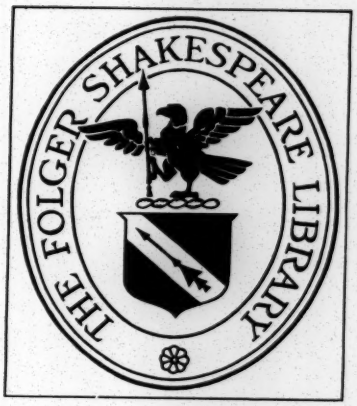
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